



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 09/698,301

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Title: SWIMWEAR WITH BUILT-IN  
DRAINING MECHANISM

Group No.: 3761

Examiner: J. Stephens

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING  
OF RESPONSE UNDER RULE 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

This Petition is filed with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal. The time period for submission of this Response was set to expire on the mailing date of the Advisory Action, 29 September 2003.

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time of one (1) month for filing the Response in the above-identified application, such extension to expire 29 October 2003, which time is within the statutory period.

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The Fee set in Rule 1.17 for the above-period is enclosed. If there is any deficiency or overage in the Fee required for the above-requested extension, please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-3550. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanie I. Rauch', written in a cursive style.

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